

## THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SECTOR RESUMES INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY



*San Sebastian, 16 September 2021* - After the break in trade fair activity caused by the pandemic, businesses in the machine tool and advanced manufacturing technologies sectors are resuming their international promotion with an intense final quarter this year.

First up, the French city of Lyon held the **GLOBAL INDUSTRIE** fair from 6 to 9 September, with the participation of sixteen manufacturers: CORREA, DANOBAT, DENN, DIPER, FAGOR AUTOMATION, GH GROUP, GRUPO GOMUR,

GRINDEL, GURUTZPE, LANTEK, MITXELENA, NAIVAN, ONA, SORALUCE, TRIMEK and ZUBIOLA.

Likewise, this week the **FABTECH** is being held in Chicago, in which a number of AFM companies such as DENN, GEKA, GH GROUP, LANTEK and TECOI are taking part.

Next up is **EMO MILANO 2021**, the world's top fair in the sector, to be held this year in Milan from 4 to 10 October. There, 34 AFM Cluster associates will exhibit their products directly in the 2,808 m<sup>2</sup> exhibition space. Italy is one of the main export destinations for Spain and there has been a significant upswing in recent months driven by a tax stimulus package introduced by its government. The event will be hosted in Milan, the regional capital with the highest industrial density in Italy, home to powerful industrial sectors, such as car manufacturing, machine tools, heavy machinery, chemical industries, etc.

October will also bring the event **+ INDUSTRY**, which will run from the 26th to the 28th of the month, encompassing seven trade fairs and marking the European benchmark event in terms of manufacture and supplies for industry 4.0. AFM CLUSTER will have a significant presence, with participating partners including ALBERO, AM SOLUTIONS, AMETS, ANSYS, AUTOPULIT, BRONYMEC, CEIT, COMECARAN, HIPERBARIC, IDDO, IMH, INDUSTRIAL RECENSE, LAIP, LORTEK, HEPYC, MECAPREC, METALÚRGICA MARINA, PIXEL, RESORTES GALICIA, SIEMENS y SMART PM. In addition, at + INDUSTRY, AFM will run the 6th Advanced and Digital Manufacturing Conference, which offers SMEs, startups, large companies, training and research centres the opportunity to connect with potential customers and suppliers, as well as form partnerships for technological commercial deals and R&D&i projects.

Completing the list of October events is **BLECHEXPO** fair, which will be held in Stuttgart (Germany) between 26 and 29 October, with the participation of eleven companies: ATHADER, DENN, DIMECO, EKICONTROL, FAGOR ARRASATE, GARABI, GOIZPER, LANTEK, LOIRE GESTAMP, MHG and NIDEC ARISA.

And to end the year, and round out the calendar of international events for 2021, **EMAF** will be taking place in Oporto (Portugal) from 1 to 4 December.

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#### ABOUT AFM CLUSTER

AFM CLUSTER is the organisation that represents the interests of Advanced Manufacturing in Spain. Made up of five industry associations, it groups almost 600 companies, which employ 16,500 people and have a joint turnover of over 3 billion Euros. From its headquarters in San Sebastian, and its establishment in Tianjin (China), AFM CLUSTER works to promote the internationalisation, industrial development, strategic positioning and training of people in its member companies. The four sectors, related and synergistic which AFM CLUSTER provides services to are the following:

- Machine-tool and advanced manufacturing technologies. AFM-Advanced Manufacturing Technologies is the founding association, which gives its name to the cluster. With more than 75 years of history, it has 127 members that provide the industry with machine tools and other equipment for the manufacture of components, accessories and cutting tools.
- Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printing. ADDIMAT brings together 94 companies operating in this new sector, destined to be a relevant part in many industrial sectors, such as, for example, the aerospace, biomedical and automotive sectors.
- Hand Tools, Hardware and Industrial Supply. ESKUIN represents 20 companies that manufacture hand tools and hardware products in Spain, under the highest standards of quality and safety.
- Machining and Metal-Mechanical Transformation. AFMEC joins the machining and metal-mechanical transformation workshop collective. With 163 member companies, it aims to give visibility and services to one of the most important industrial groups in Spain.
- Technology-based companies and start-ups. UPTEK already has 111 members to group together the collective of technology-based companies and start-ups working in advanced and digital manufacturing.

AFM CLUSTER also has 84 services companies for the industry as partners. All these companies form the great family of advanced and digital manufacturing in Spain. AFM CLUSTER forms part of various international associations such as CECIMO, ECTA or CEO, and organises trade fairs and international events such as BIEMH, ADDIT3D, INDUSTRY TOOLS, SUBCONTRATACIÓN, WORKINN, BEDIGITAL or the CMH-Congress of Advanced Manufacturing and Machine Tools.